



MAINISTIR BHUITHE (MONASTERBOICE) PARISH BULLETIN

Christmas Day, 25th December, 2022 - Year A

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Dear Friends in Christ, **Merry Christmas!** I sincerely hope that the remembrance of Christ's birth brings you much peace and hope. As we celebrate Christmas, I would like to thank you for your presence and prayers with our parish. I extend a special welcome if you are joining us for the first time, if you are visiting from any other places or faith traditions, or if you do not worship with us on a regular basis.



Just as the shepherds were led to a humble stable in Bethlehem to worship the infant Jesus, so have we been led to be together at this time and in this place to sing with the angels: **Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth!**

When God chooses to come among us, there's no telling where. God comes everywhere and anywhere, especially among the humble, in the simplest circumstances. We celebrate this birth with a renewed awareness that the holiest places in the world may be very close to us, so we welcome the stranger, serve the poor, visit the lonely, and attend to whatever the least of these may require - for words alone cannot adequately respond to this holy birth. The central truth of the Christian

faith is that the word became flesh, becoming vulnerable, just as we are. I hope that God's presence will be made known to you not only today but every day.

I want to thank all those who have helped keep our parish going; **You, our Parishioners; Our Sacristans; Parish Choirs & their leaders, Siobhan & Mary; Ministers of the Word & Eucharist; our Secretaries; The Parish Pastoral Council; The Parish Finance Committee; Stewards; and all those who helped in any way.** I am so grateful for your support. On behalf of all, I wish you and your families the many blessings of Christmas and a joyous and grace-filled new year!

All our Christmas liturgies will be available on Webcam visiting www.churchservices.tv and searching for our Church by name or county. Please share this news with friends and family who live away from the parish. It is possible to view the live stream on PC's, laptops and a range of Apple and Android and other devices. They also have Roku app - for their TV box and stick. If you would like make a donation to support the installation of the Camera, please speak to Fr. Paddy



Parish Office: Tuesdays from 2.30pm - 5.30pm; Our secretaries, Mary/Ann (087-3791443) will be able to take phone calls, & answer emails about parish (certificates, etc). **Closed Christmas Week reopening Tuesday 3rd January**

Thanks to our Sacristans - Kathleen & Teresa - and ALL who help in the work of preparing the Churches for Christmas. Do let us know if you would be available in an ongoing way to support the work of caring for our church buildings - inside and out!

Pope Francis' liturgies for the Christmas season: The schedule begins with what many people refer to as "**midnight Mass**". Pope Francis will again celebrate the "**Christmas (Eve) Mass at Night**" at **7:30 p.m.** At noon on Christmas Day he will give his traditional Christmas blessing "**urbi et orbi**" (to the city and the world). **Follow the Holy Father on www.vaticannews.va/en.html**

We pay tribute to: the women & men in our emergency and health services, hospitals, care centres especially **and all** who work over Christmas in the service of our communities. May Love come alive within your hearts this Christmas time; May he bless you all season long.

A Grace before Christmas Dinner: Lord Jesus, born in Bethlehem on the first Christmas day, be with us as we gather around the table. We thank you for the food that is provided and we give thanks to you for those who have prepared this meal.

We know your love in our hearts today, and we remember those who are homeless and may not have food or someone to share a Christmas meal with. Take them into your loving care. We ask your blessing on those who are suffering in our world. Keep us safe O Lord. Amen.



See Mother's Handbook/117
Original Photos from W/Chaplain
Happy Birthdays Jesus - 11/12/2019

Finance: **IN**-Church donations last weekend **€850 (General); €175 (Dues) €245 (Shrines Fieldstown)**; The parish regularly receives **online** donations approx. **€200** weekly. In these challenging times-Thanks!

Remembering the Deceased: Pray for those on the parish list of the dead, the deceased benefactors of the parish, & those who have died recently including; **Molly Halligan**, Rathkenny; **Ann Cowley (née McKinney)**, Fieldstown; **Richard Campbell**, Castlelumney; **Phyllis Da Costa**, Sussex, England; *Let us know of family members outside the parish who have died, so we can include them in prayer.*

The second collection at all Masses this weekend is for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese and Parish. Thank you for your generous response and contribution in these difficult times. it is very much appreciated.

New Parish Envelopes: are now available for collection at either Church (*we have tried to place them in the Church closest to where you live*);

1. Your Envelope Number may have changed. This is a normal part of the computer system.
2. If your box is not in **either** Church, please contact the parish Office.
3. Those who subscribe **ONLINE do not receive a box** of envelopes.



A Joint Christmas Message from the Archbishops of Armagh: Archbishop Eamon Martin & Archbishop John McDowell has been released. Please check our Website.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Christmas is a time of year when we generate huge volumes of wastepaper, food, glass and plastic. As we hear and read in the media about the negative effects global warming has on our planet we are encouraged to help protect our environment by disposing of it in a proper manner either through your local bin collector, at any bottle bank or at the Drogheda Recycling Centre.

Pastoral Area: with Termonfechin, Clogherhead, & Togher, our Parish is part of the **St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area:** Contact numbers; Fr Paul Byrne 98 22121; Fr Martin McVeigh 98 22224; Mgr. Jim Carroll 98 89335.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Pastoral Area: We are blessed to have access to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **FIVE** days during the week. **Please see the parish website for the details.**

Cherished Retreat: "Discovering

NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass\Location	Intention
Saturday 24th Dec. @ 5pm (T)	-
Saturday 24th Dec. @ 6.30pm (T)	-
Saturday 24th Dec. @ 8pm (F/T)	Kathleen & Gabriel Byrne
Sunday 25th Dec. @ 9.45am (F/T)	-
Sunday 25th Dec. @ 11.15am (T)	Johnny & Bridie Dowling Michael McQuillan & Philip Dowling
Tuesday 27th Dec. @ 9.30am (T)	Pro Populo (For the People)
Wed. 28th Dec. @ 9.30am (F/T)	-
Friday 30th Dec. @ 7pm (T)	No Mass - Apologies
Saturday 31st Dec. @ 6.30pm (T)	John Mulroy (9th Av.)
Sunday 1st Jan. @ 9.45am (F/T)	Jimmy & Detta Meegan (Av.)
Sunday 1st Jan. @ 11.15am (T)	-

my Identity as a Woman of God". Catholic Women's Ministry Retreat: Glencomeragh House, Kilsheelan: Jan 20th - 22nd 2023. Led by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia (Limerick). Mass, Adoration, rosary, confession, healing service, talks, testimonies, creative workshops, fellowship, tea and chats! Full Board accommodation €210 pps. For more info contact Shauna (087) 1378364. info@holymission.ie

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good & ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

Mary, The Holy Mother of God (1st January 2023): **Reading I:** Numbers 6:22-27; **Responsorial Psalm** 66 (67) 2-3, 5, 6, 8; **Reading II:** Galatians 4:4-7; **Gospel:** Luke 2:16-21.

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #20; **Paul Clarke; Betty Kelly.**

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